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trouble, just as it assisted to restore international peace?

Luton, in common with many other provincial centres, finds the renewal something of a venture. With the exception of a part of season 1915-16, and season 1916-17, there has been no competitive football of the highest class. The past four years have been an anxious period in the history of the club, but something always turned up, and while the quality of the sport has not reached that of pre-war days, it has often been interesting, and always welcome. The Club has required a considerable amount of reconstruction, and the directors have done their best to ensure that Luton shall launch out once more with a team capable of holding its own among its compeers. They have obtained players who, but for the abolition of the transfer system between clubs of the Southern and the English Leagues, would have cost a tremendous sum of money.

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Season 1914-15 saw the Town Club resuming its place in the First Division of the Southern League, after two seasons in the minor company or the Second Division. They proved their title to be in the grand circle, for they finished the season in the fourteenth position, their record being:

P. W. L. D. F. A. Pts. 38 13 17 8 61 73 34

The following season the Southern League was discontinued, and for the first portion the Town only played friendly games. In the second half, however, they were elected to the London Combination, and finished with the following record:

P. W. L. D. F. A. Pts. 14 4 9 1 31 44 9

In friendly games their record was:

P. W. L. D. F. A. Pts. 22 18 3 1 108 27

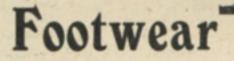
They again secured admission to the Combination in 1916-17, their position being eighth and their record:

P. W. L. D. F. A. Pts. 39 20 16 3 101 82 43

The Club had the honour of providing not merely the record goal scorer of the season, but the record goal scorer of football history, Simms netting 40 goals and just beating Davis, of Millwall, for the honour.

At the end of that season the London clubs restricted the Combination to clubs within the Metropolitan area, a decision which caused much heart burning. Mr. Green, however, managed to arrange friendlies, and so the Club carried on. A similar state of affairs was experienced last season, but it is satisfactory to know that the flag was kept flying, and although there has been considerable loss, it is hoped that the forthcoming season will see that state of affairs remedied and the Club placed on the high road to prosperity.

Of the Town's signed players when war broke out, the following joined the Colours: Ernest J. Dodd (amateur),



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killed in action; Sgt. Arthur H. Wileman, M.M., killed in action; Frank Gilder (amateur), killed in action; Ernest Simms (wounded), Frank Lindley (wounded), W. Heath (wounded), Arthur Roe (wounded), Sid Hoar (gassed), John Dunn, T. T. Wilson, R. W. Frith, F. Hawkes, J. Brandham, H. P. Roberts.

Of old players it is known that J. Jarvie and Geo. Porter

were killed.

The Town have retained practically all the old players they wished. Mitchell and Frith have signed for South Shields; Heath for Stockport County; and Chipperfield for the 'Spurs.

Among famous players who assisted the Town in friendly games during war time were J. T. Brownlie (Third Lanark and Scottish International goalkeeper); R. Mercer (Hearts of Midlothian and Scottish International centre half-back); A. Robbins (Castleford Town and champion sprint runner); S. Hartnell (Sunderland, afterwards killed in action); and W. Jones (Brighton and Hove Albion).

PETER STEWART, Left Half-back.

An understudy who has come on apace since he was a prisoner of war in Germany is Peter Stewart. He was born at Falkirk 23 years ago come October, stands 5ft. 10in. in height, and scales just over 150lb. He learned most of his football with Davis Athletic, and his play now does not appear to have suffered from his share in the Great Adventure.

WILLIAM S. FURR (Outside Left).

A native of Letchworth, William S. Furr arrives at Luton by way of Hitchin Town, Leicester Fosse, and the Army. He is 25, 5ft. 6in. in height, and weighs 10st. Ten years ago he did so well for Hitchin Town that the Fosse signed him on in 1912-13. He has several medals for junior football, and has a Fosse medal for winning the Coalville Charity Cup. During the war he assisted the Town on several occasions, and that was the reason Mr. Green signed him on. He should prove a very useful man.

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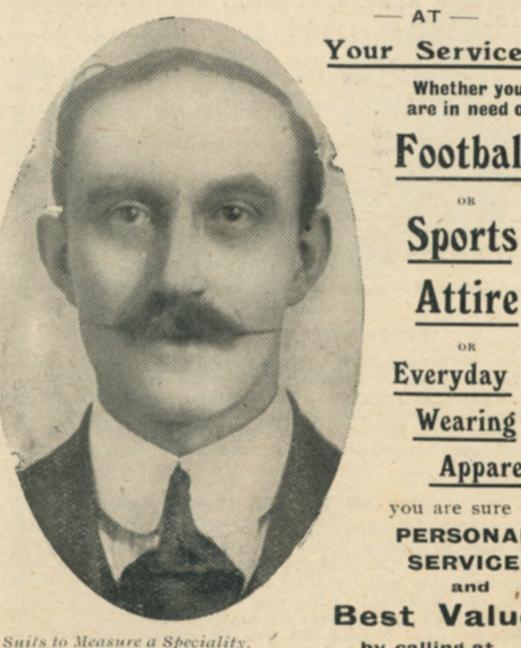
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1894-5. Bee: Chesher, M. D. Nicholson, McEwen, Watkins, McCrindle, Howe, Collins; Brown, Gallacher, Galbraith,

Prentice, Allen, Dimmock, Jack.

1895-6. Jack Russell, Williams; Stirton, M. D. Nicholson, McCartney, McEwen; Watkins, Stewart, Docherty; Gallacher. Finlayson, Galbraith, Parkinson, Birch, Ekins, Coupar, Dimmock.

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Galbraith, Birch, Coupar, Ekins, Dimmock, Brown.

1897-8. Williams; McCartney, McEwen; Davies, Stewart, Docherty, Perrins; Gallacher, Coupar, Birch, Clarke, Donaldson, Little, McInnes, Ekins, Durrant.

1898-9. Perkins; H. Williams, Moore, Dow; C. Ford, Clark, Sharp, Crump; Durrant, Hewitt, W. Ford, Kemplay,

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1908-9. Platt, Jarvis; Dimmock, McCurdy, Gregory, Chapman; F. Hawkes, Jones, R. M. Hawkes, White; Brown, Rigate, Haycock, Menzies, Bradley, Stansfield, Moody, Johnson.

1909-10. Jarvis, Fry; Hedley, McCurdy, Chapman, Rayner, Ruffett, Potts; F. Hawkes, Jones, R. M. Hawkes, Slennett, Trueman; Brown, Quinn, Smith, Moody, Stansfield, Johnson, Divine, Moore, Porter, Schofield.

1910-11. Naisby, Jarvis; Wightman, Chapman, Potts, Webb, J. Ashton, C. Watson; F. Hawkes, Bushell, R. M. Hawkes, Johnson; Brown, Quinn, Walker, Smith, Stephenson, Moody, Lashbrooke, Stansfield.

1911-12. Naisby; Wightman, Potts, Ashton, A. Brown; F. Hawkes, Bushell, R. M. Hawkes; Brown, Walker, Stephenson, Moody, Stansfield, Johnson, Shepherd, Walden, Lashbrooke, Streeton.

1912-13. J. W. Day, R. Abbott, H. Bateman; C. G. Henderson, E. J. Potts, J. Jarvie; F. Hawkes, S. Thompson, T. T. Wilson, R. M. Hawkes; J. Stephenson, A. H. Wileman, W. Smith, J. Murphy, B. Holland, T. Streeton, A. Worth.

1913-14. J. T. Mitchell, R. Abbott; J. R. Elvey, J. Robinson, J. Jarvie; F. Hawkes, R. W. Frith, R. M. Hawkes, T. T. Wilson; M. Donaghy, E. Stevens, A. F. Durrant, A. H. Wileman, E. Simms, R. Brewis, F. Rollinson, J. Wilkie, S. Hoar.

1914-15. J. T. Mitchell, R. Abbott; J. R. Elvey, J. Dunn, J. Robinson, E. J. Potts; F. Hawkes, R. W. Frith, R. M. Hawkes, T. T. Wilson, E. G. Needham, J. Brandham; H. P. Roberts, R. N. Macfarlane, A. H. Wileman, A. Roe, E. Simms, W. Heath, F. Rollinson, J. Chipperfield, F. Lindley, S. Hoar.

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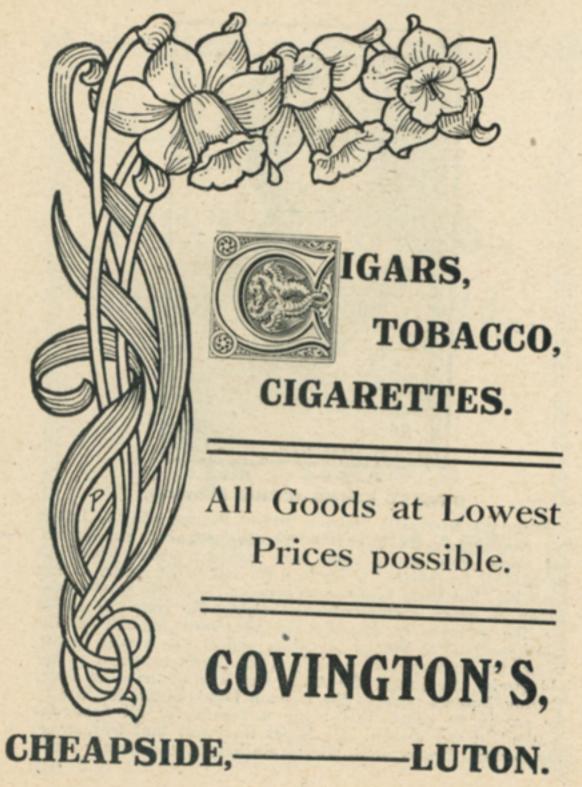
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ERNEST SIMMS (Centre Forward).

From the Newcastle district, Ernest Simms came to Luton via Barnsley. He might have gone back had he desired, for there were many gold bags hanging about him, but he prefers to remain in Luton. He was built firmly rather than big, but there is a doggedness and absolute fearlessness which is every champion's birthright. He came to Luton for the purpose of assisting in the hard football of the Southern League Second Division, and it was a wise investment, for he scored 37 goals and the Town returned to the old circle. He joined the Army and was wounded in Italy. During Luton's term in the London Combination, in 1916-17, he scored 40 goals, this being a record for all first-class football in any season. He hopes to repeat that feat, or go one better. Ernest is 26, 5ft. 9in. in height, and weighs 150lb.





WM. J. GRIMES (Outside Right).

The capture of Grimes by Mr. Green afforded a good deal of satisfaction locally. It is owing to the abolition of the transfer system that he figures in the Town's colours. He admits to 30 years, but they have not shorn him of his youthful appearance. He went from Hitchin Town to Watford; at the end of one season he went to Glossop; after a season there, donned Bradford City's colours and helped to win the championship of the Second Division of the English League. Two seasons later he went to Derby County, with whom he has been for five seasons. He has two medals for Second Division championships. He scales 150lb. and stands 5ft. 7in.



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ARTHUR ROE (Inside Right).

Signed in the season when war broke out, Arthur Roe was just working himself into popularity when the call to war sounded, and he joined up and served in France for over two years. Arthur is 23, 5ft. 9in., and 11st. He was coming out as a centre-forward, but later developed into a trouble-some inside left, his trickiness and thrustfulness matching well with that of Simms and Wileman. He is a native of South Normanton, Derbyshire, learned his football with Blackwell Colliery and South Normanton, and was secured from the latter club by Mr. Green, who has reason to be proud of his decision. Since his demobilisation in January he has played for Bolsover, North Derbyshire, and his team won the whole of the competitions in which they entered last season; thus Arthur has added four medals to his bric-a-brac.

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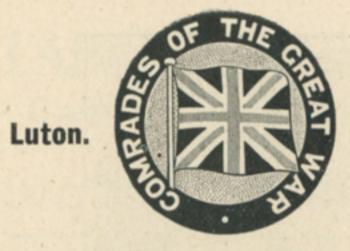
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DAVID WILLIAMS (Inside Left).

A Liverpudlian, David Williams is well known in many counties, although he is only 26. From St. Helens Recreation he went to Glossop. This is a happy hunting ground for many clubs, and so Notts County baited for and got him. The high opinion he won there as a dashing centre forward was rapidly bringing him into the limelight, but an injury to the knee laid him aside for a time. He was operated upon, and then went to Belfast to play for the Celtic in 1914-15, when that club won the Irish League. Then he joined up, and played for The Arsenal in the London Combination before going to France. There he became a member of the B.E.F. team, which was brought back to England to play for the country.



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ARTHUR BURCHELL (Centre Forward).

This discovery of war time comes from Leighton Buzzard, where he was winning praise soon after he left school. He was with Leighton Town in 1911-12, and the next season at Linslade, then returned to the Town in the following season. When Bullivant and Morgan's raised a club in 1917-18 he played for them, and it was his work in the Luton and District Works League that brought, him to the notice of Luton Town. He has mementoes of Leighton's successes in his first and third season with them, and also a runners-up medal for the Works League. He is out for higher honours now, and as he is only 22, and is a compactly built young man of 5ft. 9½in., scaling 11st. 9lb., his prospects are distinctly bright.

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JOHN RUTHERFORD (Centre Half-back).

Is also a native of Ashington, and learned his football when with the Northern Alliance. He came under the notice of Tottenham Hotspur in season 1913, and was on their books until Luton Town captured him. He served three years in France with the R.F.A., and there met and was chums with Sid Hoar. He is a bigger fellow than Frith, for he is an inch over 6ft. in height, and weighs close on 170lb., and is two years the senior of his brother. He is clever with head and feet, and it is odds on him when the ball is receiving plenty of boot.

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THOMAS URWIN (Right Half-back).

This energetic little fellow won golden opinions when he played for the Town in their London Combination games in 1916, and his location in peace time football has been a matter of speculation ever since among Town enthusiasts. He was born at Scotswood, Newcastle, and his ability was recognised by the keen critics of Newburn's club. While with them he came under the notice of Sheffield United, and was with them for two seasons before war broke out. It was while stationed at Hemel Hempstead that he was able to assist Luton in the Combination, after which he went to France and had an address there for 21 months. The Germans sent over a gas message, which discovered him and caused his return to Newcastle. He was no longer fit for the Army, and he got back to work, and assisted Scotswood in the Victory League. Several clubs were angling for him, but Mr. Green secured the all-important signature. He says he is 26, 5ft. 6in., and weighs 111st.

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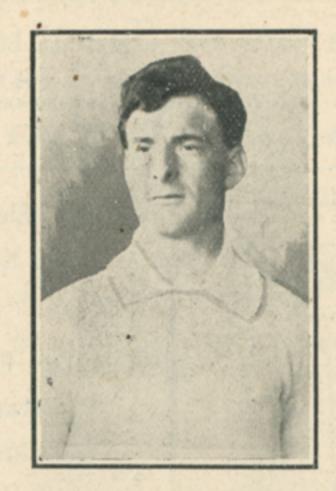
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PERCY SUMMERS (Goalkeeper).

The new goalkeeper has not the height of Mitchell, but he bids fair to become quite as great a favourite, for he is not only a clever custodian, but has a genial presence. He is 25 years of age, stands 5ft. 8½in., and scales 12st. He is a native of Sheffield, and his work for local clubs brought him to the notice of Chesterfield. They signed him, and for four seasons he remained with the n, Grimsby subsequently securing him. Here he clinched his reputation, and then joined the Footballers' Battalion, and went to France. He was gassed in 1916, and was discharged from the Army in 1917. His war time service has been spent between the "sticks" for Sheffield Wednesday, and more clubs than those of Sheffield were disappointed when he decided to accept Luton's terms.

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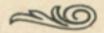
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ROBERT TOMLINSON (Inside Right).

Born at Bootle, Robert Tomlinson has had excellent experience of good-class Lancashire football, and played with Tranmere Rovers before the war. Then he was requested to assist Rochdale in war time football, in the Lancashire Section of the English League. Rochdale did very well in that company, and Tomlinson was a star artiste for them. In the last two seasons he has been their top scorer, obtaining 26 and 24 goals in the respective seasons. He is 26, height 5ft. 8in., weight 11st. 6lb.

Luton Town F.C. First XI. Fixtures, 1919-20.



Date Opponents	Goals	Date	Opponents	Goals
Aug. 30. Swansea (S.L.) Sept. 1. Gillingham (S.L.) " 6. Exeter City (S.L.) " 10. Gillingham (S.L.) " 13. Cardiff City (S.L.) " 14. Merthyr Town (S.L.) " 20. Queen's Park Rangers (S.L.) " 27. Swindon (S.L.) " 11. Brighton and Hove (S.L.) " 12. Brighton and Hove (S.L.) " 13. Newport County (S.L.) " 20. Mid Rhondda (F.) " 20. Mid Rhondda (F.) " 25. Portsmouth (S.L.) Nov. 1. Northampton (S.L.) " 8. Crystal Palace (S.L.) " 15. Southend (S.L.) " 22. Norwich City (S.L.) " 29. Brentford (S.L.) " 20. English Cup " 25. (Xmas Day) Southampton (S.L.) H " 26. (Boxing Day) Southampton (S.L.) A " 27. Reading (S.L.)	FOR AG'ST	, 17. , 24. , 31. Feb. 7. , 14. , 21. , 28. Mar. 6. , 13. , 20. , 27. April 2. , 3. , 5. , 6. , 10. , 17. , 24. , 28. May 1.	English Cup. Exeter City (S.L.) Cardiff City (S.L.) Queen's Park Rangers (S.L.) Swindon (S.L.) Millwall (S.L.) Brighton and Hove (S.L.) Newport County (S.L.) Portsmoutn (S.L.) Northampton (S.L.) Crystal Palace (S.L.)	FOR AG'S

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JAMES RUTHERFORD (Right Full-back).

A product of the useful nursery of Newcastle-on-Tyne district, the full-back is of stockier build than his brother John. He is 22, 5ft. 9in. in height, and weighs 11½st. His previous clubs were Ashington and Bedlington, of the Northern Alliance, and he was making a name when quite young. He was brought to Luton for a trial by his brother, and he fully justified the confidence of John and other friends who gave him recommendation.

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FREDK. J. HENSMAN.

This Luton lad is pretty well known to Town followers. He is 26, height 5ft. 9½in., and weighs 11st. 8lb. Ten years ago he started with Luton Trinity, and at the end of his first season went to the Reliance. After two seasons with them he was given a trial with the Town Reserves, and remained on the Town's books until 1914. He has seen a good deal of football while in the Army, and to the medal he won with the Reliance, as runners-up in the Beds Cup, he added two gold medals as a member of the team which won the Felixstowe Garrison Cup, one as runners-up of the Harwich and Parkeston Charity Cup, and four inter-company regimental medals. He hopes to prove this season that his experience in Army football has adapted him for the select company of Southern League football.



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GEORGE BOWLER (Right Half-back).

This hefty newcomer first saw the light and learned his football in the same hard school as the late Arthur Wileman, the Newhall and Gresley villages, near Burton-on-Trent. George Bowler was playing for Gresley Rovers in 1910, when Derby County coveted him, and he went to the "Rams" in 1911. In 1913 he was transferred to Tottenham Hotspur, and was still on the 'Spurs' books when he went out to France with the Footballers' Battalion in 1915. He has played with the 'Spurs since his demobilisation. With English League experience, First and Second Divisions, with Derby County, and First Division with the 'Spurs, and London Combination knowledge, he should prove a valuable acquisition to Luton. He is 28, stands 5ft. 9½in., and scales 12st.

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JOHN DUNN (Left Full-back).

A daring, resolute back, John Dunn's return to Luton is something of a surprise, for he has been playing for Everton during war time, although last season he was with Blackpool. He was with Luton only during the 1914-15 season, the war being the cause of his removal therefrom. He was released from the Army for more important work, and returned to the Liverpool district. He is as big as ever. but carries no superfluous flesh. He was talked about in Lancashire through his play and captaincy of Eccles Borough in 1912-13, when they won the premier championship of the Lancashire Combination. Thence he was called to a higher sphere of service-Leeds City. After a season with them he was transferred to Luton. Fearless and courageous, he is not averse from playing man or ball, or both, as occasion demands. He is now 26, stands 5ft, 10 in. in his socks, and can make 121st, weights rise in the scale.



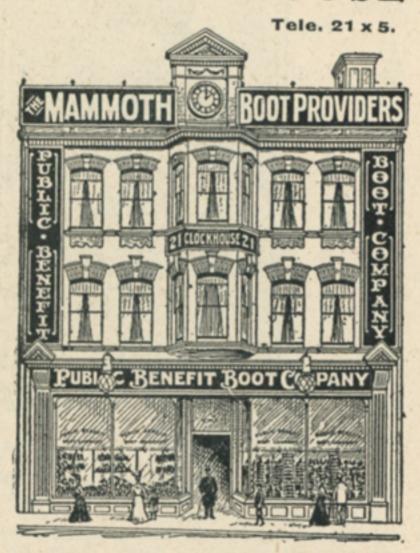


E. H. SEYMOUR (Outside Right).

Luton's new outside right, Edward Hugh Seymour, has a distinction which only thirteen other players in the world can claim. He is the proud possessor of the gold watch presented by the Irish Football Association, Ltd., to the 14 players who won the International Championship in season 1913-14. He is a native of Dublin, and first came into prominence with the Bohemians, and it was then he was in the Irish Championship eleven. From the Bohemians he entered the ranks of the professionals, joining Cardiff City, but the war brought about his return to Ireland. For four years he has figured prominently in Belfast football. He played with Linfield for a season, and then for Glentoran, the club which captured the whole of the six principal trophies of Ireland in season 1916-17. He is tricky and fast and hard to shake off the ball. He is a few pounds lighter than he was last season, weighing about 150lb., height 5ft. 9in., and is 28.

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Secured a fortnight before the opening of the season, he was with Bolsover Colliery when recommended to Mr. Green by one of the latter's football friends, and there was competition between Huddersfield and Luton for possession. He appended his signature to the contract offered by Mr. Green. He was signed by Sheffield Wednesday in 1914, but, being a Territorial, he was called to khaki, and has done nearly five years' soldiering. He prefers the pivotal position, but is really at home anywhere in the middle line. A sturdy tackler, speedy, and a good shot, Sheffield Wednesday had good reason for wishing to retain him. He is 25, 5ft. 9in., and weighs 160lb.

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,, 24.	Reading (S.E.L.)	H	
,, 27.	Southend (S.E.L.)	. A	
Oct. 4.	Portsmouth (S.E.L.)	H	
,, 11.	Brighton and Hove (S.E.L.)	A	
,, 18.	Southend (S.E.L.)		
,, 25.	Portsmouth (S.E.L.)		
7, 29.	Reading (S.E.L.)		
Nov. 1.	Tottenham Hotspur (F.)	H	
., 15.	Southend (S.E.L.)	H	
., 22.	Tottenham Hotspur (F.)		
,, 29.	Brentford (F.)	Ĥ	
Dec. 6.	Brentford (F.) Clapton Orient (F.)	A	
., 13.	Thorneycroft (S.E.L.)	Ĥ	
., 20.	Thorneycroft (S.E.L.)	A	
., 25.	(Xmas Day) Reading (S.E.L.)	A	
., 26.	(Boxing Day) Reading (S.E.L.)	H	
., 27.	Southampton (S.E.L.)	H	
Jan. 3	Thorneycroft (S.E.L.) Thorneycroft (S.E.L.)	H	
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,, 24.	Fulham (F.)	H	
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Feb. 7.			
,, 14.	Portsmouth (S.E.L.)		
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28.	Fulham (F.)		
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4 27.	Southend (S.E.L.)	A	
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FRED HAWKES (Full-back).

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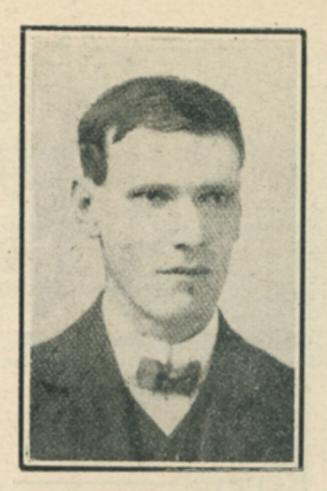
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URING the five years that have elapsed since the last publication of this handbook matters connected with the Bedfordshire Football Association have been parlous. The outlook for season 1914-15 was very bright, but the outbreak of war upset all arrangements. All competitions in the county were disbanded. After a while various competitions were formed to provide sport mainly for the military and those left at home on munition work. But the works of the Association as an Association for all real purposes were shut down. The 1914 annual meeting was held on May 21st of that year. The next general meeting was not held until August 16th, 1919. There was thus a break of five and a quarter years. What the future has in store is a problem. The various competitions will again be running. The County Cup Competition, Senior and Junior, will doubtless attract a large number of entrants. The Bedford League is well under weigh with a combination combination comprising four divisions. The Leighton League people are moving, and the Luton League has now commenced to put its house in order. A new league has also been formed in South Beds, which will include most of the principal clubs in that district.

When the Association suspended operations in 1914 there were 139 clubs and 10 competitions in membership. It cannot be expected that these figures will be reached this year. Many clubs as yet hardly know where they are, and the ground difficulty is preventing others from taking up active service again. But the same old enthusiasm is there, and before long we shall be well under weigh. The troubles will be surmounted, and there is no reason why before very long the Association should not regain its former prosperity.

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There may be changes in the Council in the coming season, as all have to seek re-election. The election takes place by ballot early in September, those clubs whose annual subscriptions are paid by September 1st having the right to vote.

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The officials for the season are: President, Alderman H. O. Williams, J.P.; Captain, A. Webdale; Vice-Captain, P. Lovell; Hon. Treasurer, A. Eling; Hon. Secretary, L. E. Hawkes; Hon. Auditors, F. Parsons and F. Ball; Committee. Messrs. C. Rogers, F. Lane, A. Rumbles, P. Webdale, W. Hubbard, W. Lane, H. S. Parsons, G. and J. Wilson.

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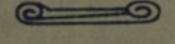
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